

Virginia Department of Social Services
Medicaid Fact Sheet #32
MEDICALLY INDIGENT PREGNANT WOMEN

The following information is given as a guideline only. To determine Medicaid eligibility, an application must be filed with the local department of social services for the area in which you live.

The Medically Indigent (MI) Pregnant Women category is for pregnant women of any age. If you are under 21, your parents may be legally responsible for you and you may have to cooperate in obtaining medical support from your parents. The MI Pregnant Woman is not required to: (1) cooperate with the Division of Child Support Enforcement in establishing paternity for a child born out of wedlock or (2) pursue medical support for herself or children from the father of a child born out of wedlock. If you are not required to pursue support, you may do so voluntarily. See Fact Sheet #20.

The local department of social services must have certain information to determine your eligibility for Medicaid. If the required information is taken to the agency or mailed with the application form, the processing time could be shortened. To be eligible for Medicaid as an MI Pregnant Woman you must:

- be a resident of Virginia. Your statement will be accepted unless there is reason to question it.
- be a citizen or lawful alien. You must prove citizenship only if there is reason to question it. You must always prove alien status.
- have a Social Security number or show proof of application for a Social Security Number
- show written proof of pregnancy signed by an M.D., R.N., or other medical practitioner (such as a physician's assistant or nurse practitioner)
- assign all rights to medical support
- have income below specified levels. Your income and the income of anyone living with you who is legally responsible for your support must be verified. Verification of earned income before deductions may be from pay stubs or a written statement from the employer. Other income must be verified by an appropriate source. Increases in income after the date you are found eligible for Medicaid are not counted.

The Medicaid family unit is composed of you and your husband unless you are separated. It may include any of your children who are living with you who are under 21. If you are under 21, your parents who are living in the home with you must be included. Your brothers and sisters who are under 21 and who are living in the home with you may be included.

Income levels are given as guidelines only. Your income could be higher than the income limits and you could still be eligible for Medicaid because of deductions for work expenses and child care or because you chose to exclude a child or brother or sister from consideration.

| INCOME LEVELS: MEDICALLY INDIGENT PREGNANT WOMEN | | |
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| Effective 2/18/05 | | |
| Medicaid Family Unit | Yearly Income | Monthly Income |
| 2 (A pregnant woman always counts as two) | \$17,064 | \$1,422 |
| 3 | \$21,400 | \$1,784 |
| 4 | \$25,736 | \$2,145 |
| 5 | \$30,072 | \$2,506 |
| 6 | \$34,408 | \$2,868 |
| 7 | \$38,743 | \$3,229 |
| 8 | \$43,079 | \$3,590 |
| Each Add'l. Person Add | \$ 4,336 | \$ 362 |

Real or personal property, such as bank accounts, cars, etc. is not looked at when determining your eligibility for Medicaid as an MI Pregnant Woman.

It is not necessary to be interviewed at the local department of social services. Mail-in applications are accepted. If you have questions or need assistance in completing your Medicaid application, contact an eligibility worker at your local department of social services.

MEDICAID FACT SHEET #32 MEDICALLY INDIGENT PREGNANT WOMEN

FORM NUMBER - 032-03-834/15

PURPOSE OF FORM - To provide information about Medicaid eligibility requirements for pregnant women.

USE OF FORM - Local agency workers will distribute this form to individuals inquiring about assistance for pregnant women and to pregnant women.

NUMBER OF COPIES - One

DISPOSITION OF FORM - One per inquirer.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM - The form does not require the addition of any information by the eligibility worker.